

ESSB 5124 - H AMD 460

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1 On page 12, after line 13, insert the following:

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3 **"Sec. 14.** RCW 29A.08.010 and 2009 c 369 s 6 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The minimum information provided on a voter registration
6 application that is required in order to place a voter registration
7 applicant on the voter registration rolls includes:

8 (a) Name;

9 (b) Residential address;

10 (c) Date of birth;

11 (d) A signature attesting to the truth of the information provided
12 on the application; and

13 (e) (~~A check or indication in the box~~) As of the effective date
14 of this section, documented proof confirming the individual is a
15 United States citizen. Documented proof includes:

16 (i) A driver's license number or government issued identification
17 if citizenship is indicated;

18 (ii) A photocopy of a birth certificate;

19 (iii) A passport; or

20 (iv) Naturalization documents or a certificate of naturalization.

21 (2) The residential address provided must identify the actual
22 physical residence of the voter in Washington, as defined in RCW
23 29A.04.151, with detail sufficient to allow the voter to be assigned
24 to the proper precinct and to locate the voter to confirm his or her
25 residence for purposes of verifying qualification to vote under
26 Article VI, section 1 of the state Constitution. A residential
27 address may be either a traditional address or a nontraditional

1 address. A traditional address consists of a street number and name,
2 optional apartment number or unit number, and city or town, as
3 assigned by a local government, which serves to identify the parcel or
4 building of residence and the unit if a multiunit residence. A
5 nontraditional address consists of a narrative description of the
6 location of the voter's residence, and may be used when a traditional
7 address has not been assigned to the voter's residence.

8 (3) All other information supplied is ancillary and not to be used
9 as grounds for not registering an applicant to vote.

10 (4) Modification of the language of the official Washington state
11 voter registration form by the voter will not be accepted and will
12 cause the rejection of the registrant's application.

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14 **Sec. 15.** RCW 29A.08.107 and 2009 c 369 s 9 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) If the applicant provided naturalization documents or a
17 certificate of naturalization as proof of citizenship, the document
18 must be verified with the United States immigration and naturalization
19 service.

20 (2) If the driver's license number, state identification card
21 number, or last four digits of the social security number provided by
22 the applicant match the information maintained by the Washington
23 department of licensing or the social security administration, and the
24 applicant provided all information required by RCW 29A.08.010, the
25 applicant must be registered to vote.

26 ((+2)) (3) If the driver's license number, state identification
27 card number, or last four digits of the social security number
28 provided by the applicant do not match the information maintained by
29 the Washington department of licensing or the social security
30 administration, or if the applicant does not provide a Washington
31 driver's license, a Washington state identification card, or a social
32 security number, the applicant must be provisionally registered to
33 vote. An identification notice must be sent to the voter to obtain
34 the correct driver's license number, state identification card number,

1 last four digits of the social security number, or one of the
2 following forms of alternate identification:

3 (a) Valid photo identification;

4 (b) A valid enrollment card of a federally recognized Indian tribe
5 in Washington state;

6 (c) A copy of a current utility bill;

7 (d) A current bank statement;

8 (e) A copy of a current government check;

9 (f) A copy of a current paycheck; or

10 (g) A government document, other than a voter registration card,
11 that shows both the name and address of the voter.

12 ~~((3))~~ (4) The ballot of a provisionally registered voter may not
13 be counted until the voter provides a driver's license number, a state
14 identification card number, or the last four digits of a social
15 security number that matches the information maintained by the
16 Washington department of licensing or the social security
17 administration, or until the voter provides alternate identification.
18 The identification must be provided no later than the day before
19 certification of the primary or election. If the voter provides one
20 of the forms of identification in subsection (2) of this section, the
21 voter's registration status must be changed from provisionally
22 registered to registered.

23 ~~((4))~~ (5) A provisional registration must remain on the official
24 list of registered voters through at least two general elections for
25 federal office. If, after two general elections for federal office,
26 the voter still has not verified his or her identity, the provisional
27 registration may be canceled.

28 ~~((5))~~ (6) The requirements of this section do not apply to an
29 overseas or service voter who registers to vote by signing the return
30 envelope of an absentee ballot, or to a registered voter transferring
31 his or her registration.

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33 **Sec. 16.** RCW 29A.08.123 and 2007 c 157 s 1 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

1 (1) A person who has a valid Washington state driver's license or
2 state identification card may submit a voter registration application
3 electronically on the secretary of state's web site.

4 (2) The applicant must attest to the truth of the information
5 provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the information
6 as true.

7 (3) The applicant must affirmatively assent to use of his or her
8 driver's license or state identification card signature for voter
9 registration purposes.

10 (4) The applicant must send a digital copy of a proof of
11 citizenship document required under RCW 29A.08.010.

12 (5) A voter registration application submitted electronically is
13 otherwise considered a registration by mail.

14 ~~((+5+))~~ (6) For each electronic application, the secretary of
15 state must obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver's license
16 or state identification card signature from the department of
17 licensing.

18 ~~((+6+))~~ (7) The secretary of state may employ additional security
19 measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter registration
20 applications submitted electronically.

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22 **Sec. 17.** RCW 29A.08.135 and 2009 c 369 s 14 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) When a person who has previously registered to vote in another
25 state applies for voter registration in Washington, the person shall
26 provide ~~((on the registration form all))~~ documented proof of
27 citizenship, as required by RCW 29A.08.010, as well as information
28 needed to cancel any previous registration. Notification must be made
29 to the state elections office of the applicant's previous state of
30 registration. If proof of citizenship is not provided, the transfer
31 may not be made.

32 (2) A county auditor receiving official information that a voter
33 has registered to vote in another state shall immediately cancel that
34 voter's registration on the official state voter registration list.

1 **Sec. 18.** RCW 29A.08.410 and 2009 c 369 s 22 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) A registered voter who changes his or her residence from one
4 address to another within the same county may transfer his or her
5 registration to the new address in one of the following ways:

6 ~~((+1))~~ (a) Sending the county auditor a request stating both the
7 voter's present address and the address from which the voter was last
8 registered;

9 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Appearing in person before the county auditor and
10 making such a request; or

11 ~~((+3) Telephoning or e-mailing the county auditor to transfer the
12 registration; or~~

13 ~~—((+4))~~ (c) Submitting a voter registration application.

14 (2) When transferring registration to a new address, the voter
15 must provide the county auditor with documented proof that he or she
16 is a United States citizen. If documentation of citizenship is not
17 provided, the voter's registration may not be transferred.

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19 **Sec. 19.** RCW 29A.08.420 and 2009 c 369 s 23 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 A registered voter who changes his or her residence from one
22 county to another county must do so by submitting a voter registration
23 form, and submitting documented proof of citizenship. If proof of
24 citizenship is not provided, the voter's registration may not be
25 transferred. If documentation is provided, the county auditor of the
26 voter's new county shall transfer the voter's registration from the
27 county of the previous registration."

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29 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
30 internal references accordingly.

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32 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Requires that documented proof of citizenship be provided before being registered to vote, and when transferring registration from within the state or from another state.

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